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	EF	3865434	Feb. 11, 1975	Sully			
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	GH	4557471	Dec. 10, 1985	Pazzini			
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	IE	4827545	May 9, 1989	Arp			
	IF	4839933	June 20, 1989	Plewright et al.			
	IG	4847929	July 18, 1989	Pupovic			
	IH	4858260	Aug. 22, 1989	Failor et al.			
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	JE	4985946	Jan. 22, 1991	Foster et al.			
	JF	4993089	Feb. 19, 1991	Solomon et al.			
	JG	5010611	Apr. 30, 1991	Mallett			
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	KD	5083334	Jan. 28, 1992	Huck et al.			
	KE	5097550	Mar. 24, 1992	Marra, Jr.			
	KF	5129117	July 14, 1992	Celestina et al.			
	KG	5175897	Jan. 5, 1993	Marra			
	KH	5179744	Jan. 19, 1993	Foster et al.			
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